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SUBJ: LOS - RESUMED 7TH SESSION AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

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1. POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF MET WITH MFA SPECIALIST ON LOS
IB ANDREASEN (IN VILLADSEN'S ABSENCE ON LEAVE) AND MADE
POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. AT OUTSET ANDREASEN VOLUNTEERED
THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE OTHER EC COUNTRIES SUP-
PORTED "IRISH FORMULA", DENMARK WAS AN EXCEPTION; HE CITED
TWO INTERVENTIONS HE HAD MADE CONCERNING CONTINENTAL SHELF
OUTER LIMITS DURING GENEVA PORTION OF 7TH SESSION, WHICH HE
SAID PROVIDED DANISH ARGUMENTS IN DETAIL. (INTERVENTIONS
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WERE DELIVERED IN NEGOTIATING GROUP 6 ON MAY 2 AND 10.)

2. DANISH POSITION AS REFLECTED IN NG-6 DEBATE AND IN RES-
PONSE TO OUR APPROACH IS ESSENTIALLY THAT DENMARK COULD
ACCEPT IRISH COMPROMISE CONTAINED NG-6/1, AS IT CONSTITUTES
A CONCESSION FROM THE COASTAL STATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, WITH THE DELETION OF PARA 2 THEREOF. HE TERMED

PARA 2 AS "CONFUSING", "UNNECESSARY", "UNCLEAR" AND "LEGALLY WRONG".

3. ACCORDING TO ANDREASEN, PARA 2 OF NG-6/1 WAS CONFUSING AND UNCLEAR IN ITS INTRODUCTION OF WORDING "SUBMERGED PRO-
LONGATION", UNNECESSARY IN THAT PARA 3 ADEQUATELY DEFINED THE SHELF LEGALLY, AND WRONG IN THAT REFERENCE TO A MAP PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT DEMONSTRATED THAT THE SHELF LINE IN SEVERAL CASES WAS DRAWN ON THE DEEP OCEAN FLOOR.

4. ANDREASEN'S PRINCIPAL COMPLAINT SEEMS TO HAVE TO DO WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS NG-6/1'S EQUATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH CONTINENTAL MARGIN. HE ARGUED THAT IN SOME CASES AN IMPORTANT PHYSICAL FEATURE MIGHT INTERRUPT CONTINUITY OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN AND THAT SUCH FEATURE WOULD THEN FORM THE LIMIT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. ENSUING DISCUSSION MANIFESTED THAT DANISH CONCERN REFERS TO THE "MINI CONTINENTAL SHELF" EXTENDING SOUTHWARD FROM THE FAROE ISLANDS.
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